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In re application of

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Title:	Method for fabricating a stepped profile from a layer sequence
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231

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Respectfully submitted,

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STEPPED PROFILE FROM A LAYER)	
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Sir:

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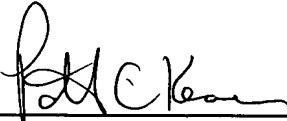
The listed document was cited in the International Search Report in the corresponding PCT application.

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